

Board of Commissioners

March 18, 2008 – 2:32 pm

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger, Logsdon, Gogel, and Board Attorney Lueken were present.

Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration

Gene Steinkamp asked the commissioners to endorse the painting by Thomas Kennedy as the official Spencer County painting for the Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration. The commissioners agreed. Logsdon made a

motion to endorse the Thomas Kennedy painting as the Official Spencer County Painting for the Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Richland Incorporation

Nora Yeager, a resident of Richland, presented the commissioners with the petition to incorporate the town of Richland, Indiana. The papers presented included a census taken by James West, a statement of the assessed valuation of all real property within the territory, a statement of the services to be provided to the residents, a statement of the estimated cost of the services to be provided and the proposed tax rate, and the proposed name of the town. A survey, which is required, was not yet completed, but will be added to the documents next week.

Yeager explained that the services to be provided to the residents will be as follows:

(1) Police Protection provided as a contract service with the Spencer county Sheriff and deputies to begin January 15, 2009. (2) Fire Protection as a contracted service with the Luce Township Volunteer Fire Department to begin January 15, 2009. (3) Street construction, maintenance, and lighting as needed to begin January 15, 2009. (4) Provision of adequate storm sewers as deemed necessary by the Town Council, beginning January, 2011. (5) Maintenance of the park in the center of the town and other areas acquired by the town for the purposes of revitalization and beautification beginning January 15, 2009. (6) Planning, zoning, and subdivision control, beginning January, 2009. (7) Sanitary Sewers essential for quality of lifestyle and value of property will be provided. Beginning date will depend on the outcome of the Luce Township Sewer District, if the district is abandoned then the town will form a district.

Yeager detailed the budget with a yearly total of \$52,000 and a tax rate of .4251.

Logsdon made a motion for Lueken and Shelton to review the documents when the survey is turned in, and report back at the next meeting. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Logsdon asked John Rudisill, the voter registration clerk, if the decision to incorporate needed to be put on the ballot. Rudisill explained that it does not need to be put on the ballot, they just need to follow the guidelines set out in the statutes. Rudisill further explained that the only way something can be put on the ballot is by an act of the state legislature.

Ambulance Lease

Murray Stout of the Spencer County Emergency Ambulance Service gave the commissioners the lease to sign from the Indiana Bond Bank for the new ambulance. He stated that the council has appropriated the down-payment. Gogel made a motion to sign the lease. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Generator at Rockport Station

Stout asked the commissioners if a generator, which was purchased through a FEMA grant, could be put on the county insurance, since it will become a permanent part of the building. The commissioners agreed.

Courthouse Maintenance

Joe King explained to the commissioners that the moss and dirt need to be cleaned off of the north side of the courthouse. He has spoken with Robinson Landscaping, who will be doing the landscaping of the courthouse lawn, and they can coordinate the landscaping and the washing so no damage will be done to the new plants. King said he has only obtained one quote at this time. The commissioners asked for him to get at least one more quote and report back at the next meeting.

Highway Report

EMA Vehicle – Painter reported that one of the EMA vehicles broke down in Indianapolis. It was towed back to the county and is now at the county garage. EMA Director Perdue asked Painter to see if the mechanics at the garage can fix it. Rininger stated that it should only be looked at when there is nothing else that needed attention.

DuraPatcher – Painter stated that the Dale Town Council was meeting tonight and should make a decision on if they want to purchase the DuraPatcher. If they do, the town would like to purchase the oil for the patcher from the county. Gogel made a motion to allow the Town of Dale to purchase oil for the DuraPatcher from the county. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Asphalt Materials – Painter reported that Asphalt Material has increased their price.

Rock – Painter said that he has already had to spend 46% of his budget for rock, which includes the salt for the roads this winter. Logsdon asked who decides where rock is spread. Painter said it is left up to the district foremen. Logsdon stated that the rock needs to be put only in the most critical places.

Gas, Oil, and Lube – Painter further explained that his gas, oil, and lube account started at \$185,000 for the year and is already down to \$98,000. Discussion was had on the use of fuel. Logsdon stated that the commissioners, Painter, and the three foremen need to have a meeting and discuss the budget, mowing season, road maintenance, and other issues. The meeting was set for March 24, at 8:30 am at the county garage.

CEDIT Roads – Logsdon stated that the CEDIT plans may need to be re-visited in the near future.

Engineer Report

Vacation – Lloyd reported that she will be on vacation next week, but the highway department knows how to contact her if needed.

INDOT – Lloyd stated that Calvin Evans with INDOT will be holding a meeting on Monday, March 31, to discuss concerns and requests.

CEDIT – Lloyd said she will have a draft of the CEDIT plans ready for approval in April.

Orchard Road Project – Lloyd reported that all of the papers for the project have been signed, and the project is scheduled for this summer.

Lamar Conservancy District Board

Rininger stated that the board received a request from the Lamar Conservancy District to reappoint Robert Mosby, Sr. to their board. Logsdon made a motion to appoint Robert Mosby, Sr. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Claims

Logsdon made a motion to approve claims. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Unemployment

Shelton explained that an additional is needed for unemployment. Her office estimates that \$2,500 will be needed. Logsdon made a motion to request an additional of \$2,500. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

COIT

Shelton stated that a bill was received from Universal Design for the design of the proposed Spencer County Public Safety Building in the amount of \$1,917.50. Logsdon made a motion to request an additional of \$1,917.50 from COIT. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Mowing Bids

Shelton stated that it has been advertised that we will be accepting mowing bids. The bid opening is scheduled for April 7.

Stormwater Drain Ordinance

Shelton reported that the Santa Claus Town Council replied in regard to the Stormwater Drain Ordinance and they have decided not to enact a similar ordinance.

Legal Report

Subdivision Ordinance Amendment – Lueken explained that the Plan Commission has made a recommendation to eliminate Exempt Division 3, which allowed for a division of land into two or more parcels with all such divided parcels being five acres or more with all access roads or rights-of-way to all such parcels being clearly defined. Logsdon made a motion to sign Ordinance 2008-05 An Ordinance Amending The Spencer County Subdivision Control Ordinance By Deleting Subdivision Exemption Three. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Redevelopment Commission - Lueken stated that Cornelius Collignon decided to decline the appointment to the Redevelopment Commission made at the last meeting. Lueken recommended the appointment of Mike Schriefer. Logsdon made a motion to appoint Mike Schriefer to the Redevelopment Commission. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Lueken also explained that David Dougan was also appointed to the Redevelopment Commission by the commissioners, but he was subsequently appointed to the Economic Development Commission. Since both are

considered lucrative, he cannot hold both positions. Dougan sent a letter resigning from the Economic Development Commission. Logsdon made a motion to accept David Dougan’s resignation from the Economic Development Commission and re-appoint him to the Redevelopment Commission. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Lueken stated that he will have a recommendation for the appointment to the Economic Development Commission next meeting.

SRI Internet Services Addendum

SRI, the company that handles the county’s Tax Sales and Commissioner Sales, sent an Internet Services Addendum for the commissioners to sign enabling them to conduct the Online Commissioners’ Sale of the county owned lots in Christmas Lake Village. Lueken did not have time to review the addendum. It will be discussed that the April 7 meeting.

Animal Control Board

Curtis Conley, representing the Animal Control Board, discussed the proposed plans for the Animal Control Building and the proposed annual budget. The plan is for a \$100,000 building but allows for volunteer labor. Discussion was had on the hours of the officer and how animals will be taken to the facility.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm.

Board of Commissioners,

President
Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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